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HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

January Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 17, 2017
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Howard County Health Department
 8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Carlessia Hussein, Gary Stewart, Sheri Lewis, Bob Sheesley, Darryl Burnett, Kevin Carlson, and Sue Song

Members Excused: Paul Nagy, Deborah Rivkin

Staff: Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Seante Hunt, Kayin Carroll, Jackie Douge, Sharon Hobson,

Guest: Michael Long, SD, MPH, Assistant Professor, George Washington University

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Welcome and Introductions	Carlessia Hussein opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.		
Approval of Minutes	Since there was not a quorum, this item was tabled until later in the meeting when the motion to accept November's minute was made and approved.	The motion to accept the November, 22 2016 minutes was approved unanimously.	
New Business	<p>Discussion of Multi Agency Opioid Data Repository. Presented by Seante Hunt, Lead Staff for the OFRT and Kayin Carroll, Director of HCHD IT Department. (See Handouts)</p> <p>The HCHD leads the County's Opioid Fatality Review Team (OFRT) that also includes agencies such as Police, EMS, Schools, hospital, Social Services, DGS, and State's Attorney. The group meets quarterly to share data (treatment, meds prescribed, incarceration, arrest information, etc.) on people who have died from overdose. The purpose is to learn from each incident and to identify strategies to reduce deaths in the community. Current issues include: no single agency has all the data (to include fatality and non-fatality data) and there as a lag in receiving data (sometimes by 2-3 months). To be more successful in learning about causes and developing successful system-wide solutions, a more comprehensive analysis of many different data points in a real-time data sharing mechanism is necessary.</p> <p>HCHD IT is working with County IT to develop the system which is built on MS SQL and Crystal Reports. The group is also working on legal issues of sharing such sensitive information, (receiving input from State and County legal counsel), determining metrics and what data reports to create that will be most useful. Harford County had achieved something similar and we are learning from them. The project is targeted for completion by June 2017.</p> <p>The State wants Counties to reach out to families, prescribers and others to address the issue. It was suggested that a family member become a member of the group (acknowledging the sensitive and confidential nature of the information shared.).</p>	Provide an update on this project in a couple of months.	

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	<p>Discussion of George Washington University’s Evaluation of School Based Telehealth Program. Presented by Michael Long, SD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Provide an update on this project in a couple of months. George Washington University and Sharon Hobson, RN and Jackie Douge, MD of Howard County Health Department’s Child Health Bureau. (See handouts)</p> <p>A summary of the literature that currently exists is somewhat limited. There are clearly benefits (improved care for children, reduced absenteeism, and more), barriers (costs, seeking reimbursement, buy-in), and limitations (few rigorous evaluations and only small studies make broad generalizations difficult). The evaluation framework and the goals of the program were addressed along with some anticipated challenges.</p> <p>Questions raised included ‘is it helpful to know insurance status of children?’ (Yes, however currently, data is not consistent. We have it for <u>last</u> year and will for <u>next</u> year, but don’t have it for <u>this</u> year).</p> <p>Visits and enrollment are both going up and there is high user / parent satisfaction in the program.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion of the written proceedings of the Adolescent Mental Health Symposium and the next steps. There was discussion of the high stress level of among Korean Adolescents (resultant suicides) and related issues.</p>	<p>Provide an update on this project in a couple of months.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Health Officer Report: A question was raised about whether all WIC-eligible children were enrolled.</p> <p>The question was also raised 'have we begun to think about the loss of the ACA?' It was shared that the Health Officer’s discussed this last week and there is a request to have a working meeting next month (February) to develop contingency plans.</p>	<p>Follow up on WIC is needed.</p>	

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Other Business	<p>Suggested topics for next meeting will be: CAREAPP Project and Update on Behavioral Health Integration.</p> <p>It was noted that APL Staffers met with the Governor recently. It was also shared that ESSENCE (created by APL) was mentioned by the new DHMH Secretary (Dennis Schrader) as a data tool to learn and respond to the Opioid Epidemic.</p> <p>It was shared that HCHD met with Baltimore City about establishing a Needle exchange program in Howard County. 50 Howard County residents Participate in the Baltimore City program. DHMH is providing extra funding to Baltimore City to assist (or administer) the Needle Exchange program in Other jurisdictions. Baltimore City will present to the County's ADAB Board on Feb. 15 @5:15. Members can attend to learn more.</p> <p>Next BOH meeting scheduled for February 28, 2017</p>	<p>Discussion items for next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAREAPP Project - Update on Behavioral Health Integration 	
Chairperson's Report	N/A		
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.</i>		

Next Board of Health Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor, Columbia, MD 21045